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Lockdown Rush

People throng markets to stock up as tougher lockdown begins tomorrow

Huge crowds seen at Devaraj Urs Road, Dufferin Clock Tower and a wine store in city this morning ahead of complete lockdown from tomorrow.

Mysuru, May 28 (RK&KS)- With the District Administration announcing complete lockdown for five days in a week from 6 am tomorrow (May 29) till 6 am on June 7, giving time to citizens to purchase essential items only between 6 am and 12 noon on Mondays and Thursdays, Mysureans thronged various shops including liquor outlets to stock up their requirements this morning.

Large crowds were seen since as early as 6 am when the shops opened. People thronged provision stores, super markets, fruits and vegetable stalls, meat stalls and bakeries to stock them for the next 10 days. In fact, the guidelines released by the District Administration has allowed residents to purchase essential items on Mondays and Thursdays between 6 am and 12 noon. Milk booths, HOPCOMS, medical stores etc., are allowed to do business during the lockdown period.

Traffic in city looked like normal days with people moving in their two-wheelers and four-wheelers with their 'stocking mission.' At 9.30 am, the Police patrol vehicles hit the streets and alerted shopkeepers through the public address system fitted to their vehicles about the closing time and began asking the shopkeepers to close down when the clock struck at 10 am. The citizens were sent back home by the Cops and were asked to make purchases on Monday.

Safety norms like social distancing was flouted by citizens as they literally jostled to buy essentials without bothering about Corona. The buzz of activities was witnessed equally in Central Business District and in residential areas where neighbourhood provision stores were opened to meet the daily needs of the residents.

As people started hoarding rations and moving back home, city's roads, especially in and around Santhepet, Shivarampet, Sayyaji Rao Road, APMC and Bandipalya witnessed traffic snarls. People were also busy purchasing liquor and tobacco products in bulk. Vegetables, fruits and flowers being sold at prominent Circles and Junctions at various localities in city too witnessed huge rush.

DRDO to set up oxygen plant in Mysuru by June 30

- **Technology based on 'on-board' oxygen generation for Light Combat Aircraft Tejas**
- **Plans to set up oxygen plants in all Taluk headquarters: MP Pratap Simha**

Mysuru, May 28 (BCT)- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) will set up an oxygen producing plant in Mysuru and the facility will be operational by June 30. Mysuru does not have an oxygen manufacturing plant and the five refilling plants depend on other oxygen-producing plants in the State, to meet day-to-day demand.

Pratap Simha

A file photo of medical oxygen plant set up by DRDO at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

The DRDO is setting up 500 Liquid Medical Oxygen plants across India and Karnataka has got seven. The entire project is sponsored by PM-CARES Fund. The oxygen plant has a flow rate of 1,000 litres per minute and can cater to 190 patients at a time.

The Ministry of Defence said that the medical oxygen plant technology, based on the on-board oxygen generation for Light Combat Aircraft Tejas, has been developed by the DRDO. The technology used for the plant is Pressure Swing Adsorption process.

Normally, air contains 21 percent oxygen, 78 percent nitrogen, 0.9 percent Argon and 0.1 percent other trace gases. An oxygen generator separates this oxygen from compressed air through a unique process called Pressure Swing Adsorption.

(See DRDO on page 6)

To Our Readers

Old is gold, is an old saying. *Star of Mysore* too is getting old and many remember its popular column *Abracadabra*. Many wish to reminiscence the old-times, specially K.B. Ganapathy's *Abracadabra*. Therefore, we are publishing some selected *Abracadabra* columns of earliest days. Turn to page-6 for the first step in our journey into the past !

—M. Govinde Gowda, Editor

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 28th May 2021

New discharge policy for COVID patients

Bengaluru, May 28 (UNI) - Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar has said that the State will have a new COVID-19 discharge policy and post-COVID precautions in view of the rising cases of Black Fungus infection.

Speaking to the media after holding a meeting with experts on containment of Black Fungus infection, he said, "It has been decided to formulate a new discharge policy and post-COVID precautions for patients who have recovered from COVID-19 infection."

"There is more clarity now after meeting with the experts. It has been found that administering steroids in the first week of treatment of COVID-19 is one of the main causes of Black Fungus infection. We need to avoid this and steroids should be administered only from the second week," the Minister added.

He said that there are about 95 cases of Black Fungus which are being treated at Bangalore Medical College. 75 cases out of them have either uncontrolled diabetes or have been administered steroids during COVID treatment, he said.

"While discharging, COVID patients will be tested for the fungus infection and will also be subjected to MRI scan if necessary. All District Hospitals have been instructed to have a dedicated post-COVID ward," he added.

After one week of discharge, COVID-recovered persons should get themselves tested or they can also get a tele-consultation. Every COVID recovered person will be contacted to check for any symptoms of fungus infection. If symptoms are found, they will be called to hospitals for further diagnosis, said Dr. Sudhakar.

Post-recovery, patients will be contacted for about 7-15 days based on their condition. It has been found in a preliminary report that the infection is being reported in small hospitals, taluk hospitals and those under home isolation in some cases. "We will get more clarity in the final report. The Committee headed by Dr. Ambika will soon submit the final report," the Minister noted.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

We have built wonderful things around us for our comfort, at times possibly not giving a hoot about any other life form. As insensitivity to other life forms got accolades from all and no brickbats from anyone, we looked at ourselves as groups. We started competing. We very erroneously started dividing society into the groups of those who must have and those who must not. Money and the enterprise of man ensured this happened by default. And then society got divided into the various class structures we now struggle to thrive within. The quest is the same. All of us run behind progress and development, but each socio-economic group finds it differently difficult to achieve these goals. The rich therefore remain rich and become richer. The middle class struggles on. The poor either become richer or poorer, depending on the environmental factors that govern their lives and livelihoods.

Modern society is very competitive today. As we continue this race towards progress and development, the pandemic in our midst (sudden and as big as it is) is telling us something. The pandemic is telling us something simple. Something real and intuitive. Something we know all the time, but forget. Society means all of us. It does not mean the rich are separated from the poor by the tall gates and high walls of their exclusive community. The pandemic has put it bluntly into our faces: No one is safe till everyone is safe! There is beauty in the current pandemic. This is a comma moment, thankfully, not a full-stop one. The pandemic is telling us all something. But are we listening? — *Harish Bijoor in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

The forgotten illuminated tyres of Goodyear

New York: American tyre manufacturer Goodyear once created illuminated car tyres that glowed from the inside. Thanks to multiple lightbulbs.

In the early 1960s, Goodyear employees William Larson and Anthony Finelli worked together to create the world's first neothane automobile tires. Neothane was just a fancier name for urethane, the chemical compound invented three decades earlier by German chemist Otto Bayer. Unlike traditional tires, which required multiple layers of rubber as well as fabric and a laborious process to manufacture, neothane tires were grippy, squishy, responsive and easy to make. But the advantages didn't end there. Neothane tires were also translucent, could be dyed in various colors and as Goodyear demonstrated, they could even be fitted with lights for a unique visual effect.

Carved-up lake of the Netherlands

Utrecht: The Dutch province of Utrecht is home to a bizarre-looking lake that seems to have been carved up with a giant knife, which sounds preposterous, but is actually fairly accurate.

Vinkeveense Plassen (Lakes of Vinkeveen) consists of a large water body and bizarre strip-like sand-islands dotted with houses, wooden peers and trees. They don't look like any lake islands I've ever seen, but then again, this is no ordinary lake. Vinkeveense Plassen may be a popular vacation area today, but it started out as as peat extracting site and those long strips of land were used to dry the peat on.

With petroleum becoming the world's most popular fuel, peat extraction at Vinkeveense Plassen was stopped in the mid 1970s. Sand was brought from the Noordplas to reinforce the land strips on the lake, and also create land barriers to protect the shallow land masses.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Nutritious food helps all age groups. Depending on your health condition, cultural habits and personalized taste, a Dietitian suggests diet plans. Consult your Dietitian for a healthy diet suggestion.

By Kavya J. - Department of Nutrition & Dietetics

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

The safety of facial wipes is now being questioned due to an explosion in cases of contact dermatitis among those who use the product. The active ingredient in facial wipes is methylisothizolinone, "M.I." for short (Can you pronounce it?). M.I. was named the "Allergen of the Year" in 2013.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAY 26	MAY 27
Day's Positive Cases	2,792	2,240
Total Positive Cases	1,34,448	1,36,688
Day's Discharges	1,301	2,088
Total Discharges	1,16,299	1,18,387
Day's Deaths	14	18
Total Deaths	1,538	1,556
Total Active Cases	16,611	16,745

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Appointed as Ambassador of 'Fit India Movement'

New Delhi, May 28- Dev Balhara, CEO of Kettlebell Sports India Association, has been appointed as the Ambassador of 'Fit India Movement' on May 26. Dev Balhara has been associated with sports for over a decade. He has also been a national-level player of Korfball. Apart from this, he is associated with many National Sports Federations. He is also General Secretary of Six-a-Side Cricket Federation of India.

Dev Balhara

The Fit India Movement was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 29, 2019 with a view to making fitness an integral part of our daily lives.

Hundreds of schools, organisations and prominent personalities have also been associated with this campaign.

REALLY...?

- *Men were the first to start wearing high heels.*
- *The famous and scandalous queen Mary Antoinette loved fashion and according to historians had about 500 pairs of shoes.*
- *The first boots for women were made for Queen Victoria in 1840.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Wife to husband: ***Did you have any girl friend before marriage?***
Husband: ***...remains silent.***
Wife: ***What is the meaning for this silence?***
Husband: ***Don't disturb while counting!!***

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.47
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.79
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.73
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.25

VOICE OF THE READER

Kudos to CESC Engineer for prompt service

Sir,

I usually read complaints against city officials for not attending to problems in this column regularly. But here is a different story of Saraswathipuram CESC engineer attending and rectifying the problem within 24 hours.

The electric pole in front of our house on New Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, was little slanted due to recent rains and the guy wire had broken. I complained to CESC Helpline on May 24th evening and they forwarded the call to concerned area engineer.

Within half-an-hour, a few linemen visited the spot and assured to fix it next day. The next morning Junior Engineer Harshavardhan and his team promptly visited the spot and immediately rectified the problem and also replaced the guy wire. Thanks to Harshavardhan for promptly resolving the issue or else a serious mishap might have happened due to upcoming monsoon.

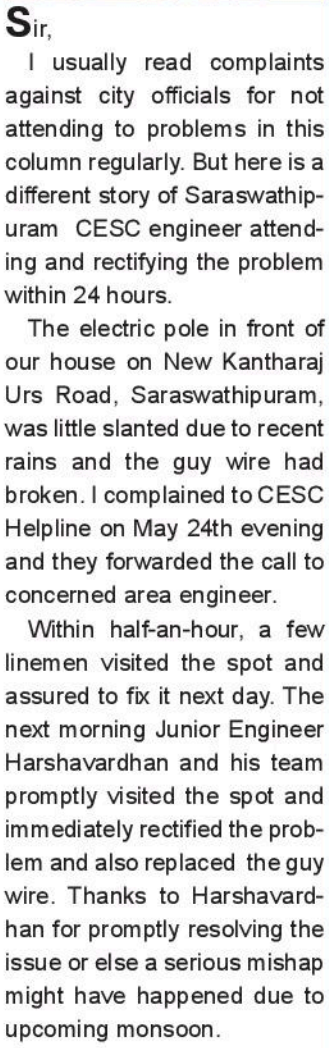
—H.S. Karthik
New Kantharaj Urs Road
25.5.2021

Animal adoption

Mysuru, May 28-The following individuals and institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under "Adoption of Animals" scheme by paying the Adoption Fee: Priyanka, Mysuru - King Cobra (Rs. 3,500); Suraj, Mysuru - Rusty spotted cat (Rs. 5,000); G. Hemanth Kumar, Mysuru - Indian Muntjac (Rs.5,000); S. Tilok Chand, Sri Manohar Jewellers, Bengaluru - White Peacock (Rs.3,500); Priya Swaminathan, Bengaluru - Rhesus Macaque and Indian Cobra (Rs.7,000).

Education Dept. issues directions on getting Corona relief

Mysuru, May 28 (SPN&DM)- The Department of Public Instructions Commissioner V. Anbukumar has directed the Department officials to sanction as per rules all statutory benefits to the families of teachers and other staff who died of the deadly COVID contagion. He has also asked the officials to update the Commissioner's Office on the compensation sought by the families of COVID dead teachers and other Department staff who died while at work, in accordance with the rules.



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0821 - 2957811
0821 - 2957711

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94498 - 41195
94498 - 41196
0821 - 2418800

Telecare
2420112/113
0821 - 2330803
0821 - 2331803

MANDYA
08232 - 224248

District War Room
08232 - 229393

Maddur Taluk
08232 - 232010

Malavalli Taluk
08231 - 242277

Srirangapatna Taluk
08236 - 252029

Pandavapura Taluk
08236 - 255128

Nagamangala Taluk
08234 - 285045

K.R. Pet Taluk
08230 - 262227

KODAGU

COVID Hospital
08272 - 220606

District Helpline
08272 - 221077

Madikeri
08272 - 228396

Virajpet / Ponnampet
08274 - 256328

Somarpet
08276 - 282045

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95386-74839
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Kollegal Taluk
08224 - 252046

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08229 - 222225

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08224 - 268032

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COVID-free Mysuru by July 1

District Administration aims big

Mysuru, May 28 (BCT)- The District Administration has set a target of making Mysuru COVID-free by July 1. Incidentally, July 1 is observed as Doctors' Day. "Though it is not easy, we are committed," said Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri.

In a press note released to the media last evening where she highlighted that Mysuru has achieved one of the lowest Case Fatality Rate (CFR - death per 100 COVID patients) despite reporting the second highest COVID positive cases in Karnataka, after Bengaluru, the DC said that people must observe self-restraint.

Mysuru, with highest positivity rate of 41.32 percent active cases of about 16,000, has one of the lowest CFR. "Please join hands with the District Administration and show a little respect to frontline warriors and doctors who are struggling to bring the pandemic under control," she said.

Enumerating the reasons behind the low CFR, Rohini Sindhuri said that the district has the highest vaccination percentage in entire Karnataka. "Rigorous Information, Education and Communication (IEC) when there was vaccine hesitancy since Apr. 1 and mobilising of people in the district has helped us now. We have saturated to the maximum in vaccination (45 plus category) about 75 percent in rural areas and urban at 65 percent," she said.

Secondly, early intervention through COVID Mitra has helped in bringing down the deaths. "First started in all taluks and subsequently in all urban PHCs (Primary Health Centres) in city, this initiative of early screening, with focus on triaging has been a significant milestone in Mysuru's march against COVID. So far, over 25,000 people have been triaged in all COVID Mitras with the maximum triage in rural PHCs. Coupled with this is the IEC campaign with first five days Pancha Sutra has helped us put the message across," the DC explained.

Thirdly, a thorough and detailed daily death audit of all cases since April has helped in shaping the strategy. All the actions have stemmed out of coordinated efforts amongst all departments and daily feedback and communication to the last mile through rigorous IEC campaigning in the hinterlands, Rohini Sindhuri said.

File photo of vaccination drive in Mysuru.

DECISIVE STEPS
by District Disaster Management Authority

- Since mid-March, when there was a slight increase in cases, mass RT-PCR tests for people travelling from Bengaluru was implemented and also, vaccination was mobilised in huge numbers
- Introduction of early screening through COVID Mitras
- Introduction of Helpline 2424111 (Over 20,000 calls attended till date)
- Creation of War Room for coordinated efforts and efficiently handling bed management
- Adding 600 (oxygenated and ICU beds) in PKTB, Trauma Care, ESI and K.R. Hospital (stone building)
- Strict vigil on Private Hospitals
- Raising Rs. 21.5 crore through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
- Tele-triaging
- Launching door-to-door survey and this will be completed by this month end
- Introduction of COVID-free village and ward award and PHC awards for taluks for community participation
- Engaging the community through Village-Level Task Force (VLTF), Gram Panchayat Task Force (GPTF) and Ward-Level Task Force (WLTF)
- Focus on eradicating mucormycosis (Black Fungus) cases, announcing a de-worming day and screening people for diabetes and tracking them

Lowest Case Fatality Rate due to:

- **Highest vaccination percentage**
- **Early intervention through COVID Mitra**
- **A thorough and detailed daily death audit of all cases since April**

Stress on '3Ts'

"The last wave peaked in October when I was posted as DC to Mysuru and back then our focus was on Test, Track, Treat (3Ts) and by following this strategy the cases flattened (the largest single day number was less than 1,000) at that time."

— Rohini Sindhuri, Deputy Commissioner Mysuru

We could not bring down infections despite efforts, says MP

Mysuru, May 28 (RKB&DM)- Maintaining that a more stringent lockdown had to be enforced as COVID infections could not be brought down in the past two weeks, MP Pratap Simha appealed to the citizens to stay indoors and step out only if necessary.

Addressing a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House here yesterday afternoon, Pratap Simha expressed hope that the stringent lockdown will help in bringing down the infection rate.

Pointing out that the District Administration has allowed shopping of essential commodities twice a week (Monday and Thursday) till June 7, he said that people should show restraint and not unnecessarily enter into arguments with the Police or other officials.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha addressing a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House here yesterday as (from right) ***MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, JLR Chairman M. Appanna and MyLac Chairman N.V. Phanish look on.***

Hopes rural case-load may come down in 15 days

Expressing concern over increasing COVID cases in rural parts of the district, he said that District In-charge Minister S.T. Somashekar visited many rural parts for ascertaining the situation. Observing that negligence in the initial stages had led to severity of the disease or fatalities, the MP expressed hope that the case-load will come under control in a fortnight.

COVID test should not have been capped: Replying to a question on whether he admits that the COVID curfew and the lockdown had failed to achieve the desired results, he observed that COVID testing should not have been capped in the first place as lesser scale of testing had contributed to the spiralling of cases.

Better late than never

Noting that stringent lockdown was enforced a little bit late in Mysuru after experimenting on lockdown with limited restrictions, Simha said that though the cases came down in urban areas, rural parts saw a sudden spurt in cases, mainly due to unchecked movement in villages. Now with a more stringent lockdown in force, the Police have been asked to ensure strict following of COVID appropriate behaviour in villages too.

No grudge against anyone

Replying to another question on his displeasure with Mysuru DC, Simha maintained that he does not have any grudge against anyone. Arguing that he will laud officials when they do good work, he said likewise, officials who show apathy in their work will be questioned and as such there is no question of affection or hatred here.

Contending that upon receiving certain suggestions from people's representatives, the Additional DC and ZP CEO toured villages for monitoring COVID control, he said that heeding to important suggestions and advice will certainly help in understanding and rectifying the lacunae in the system.

Responding to another question on whether the officials were responsive to his work, Simha said that people's representatives will work with concern for the welfare of the people and it does not matter who will join them and added saying that he will simply have to work harder if the officials are not responsive.

Task Forces

Speaking of formation of Task Forces Simha said that they were formed as officials had failed to address Bed, Oxygen, Ventilator and other COVID issues and added saying "As people's representatives we venture into field work in right earnest without wasting time on advising officials. And now the problems that once existed have eased after officials and people's representatives worked in co-ordination. It is this co-ordination that helped in addressing Oxygen issue in time."

Recalling that he has worked in co-ordination with top officials of the district in the past, Simha said that he has great respect for C. Shikha, who was the DC of Mysuru for three years. He also recalled the work he had done with the then DC Randeep in making Mysuru enter the Guinness Book of Records on World Yoga Day and subsequently with Abhiram G. Sankar in the battle against the deadly pandemic which broke out last year.

He also recalled that he learnt a lot from previous DC Abhiram Sankar on assigning tasks to officers for taking on the deadly contagion.

Now, elderly and differently-abled to get jab at near home sites

New Delhi, May 28 (SSV)- The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) has recommended the proposal by a Technical Expert Committee of the Union Ministry on the guidelines for Near to Home COVID Vaccination Centres (NHCVC) for elderly and differently-abled citizens.

These recommendations have also been accepted by the Union Ministry of Health. NHCVC for Elderly and Differently-abled citizens would follow a community-based, flexible and people-centric approach, bringing the COVID Vaccination Centres nearer to homes.

The Technical Expert Committee's recommendations are aimed to ensure vaccination of seniors and differently-abled population having limited mobility due to their physical condition. The recommendations are in response to the need to increase access by bringing vaccination services closer to the community while maintaining all necessary precautions and safety measures, as per the Operational Guidelines and Advisories issued from time to time. These Near to Home COVID Vaccination Centres will be organised specially for the below mentioned eligible population while vaccination for all other age groups will continue at the existing COVID Vaccination Centres (CVCs).

It is applicable to all individuals above 60 years of age with no vaccination or first dose vaccination and those below 60 years with disability due to physical or medical conditions. These guidelines include a community-based approach to be followed where sessions can be conducted in non-health facility based settings and are nearer to home.

Based on the cohort of eligible population, District Task Force (DTF) or Urban Task Force (UTF) will decide the location of NHCVC to maximise the reach of services to the target population, reduce vaccine wastage along with causing minimal impact on the existing health services.

NHCVC will be linked to an existing CVC for vaccination purpose; the CVC in-charge will be responsible to provide vaccine, logistics and human resources required for vaccination.

The site for NHCVC will be pre-identified in collaboration with community groups and RWAs. Such sites could be at Panchayat Bhawan, Sub-Health Centres and Health & Wellness Centres with availability of adequate space, Community Halls, RWA Premises, Polling Booths, Schools etc. and should to have a Vaccination Room and a Waiting Area with appropriate access for the target group, for example ramp for wheel chair access and Observation Room to ensure waiting for 30 minutes post vaccination.

In a scenario where there is a group of target beneficiaries under one roof like Old Age Home etc., the NHCVC can be organised at that site as per the Operational Guidelines.

The guidelines also include details regarding registration and appointment of beneficiaries — either in advance, on-site or Facilitated Cohort Registration process on Co-WIN, line listing of beneficiaries, identification of NHCVC site and linkage with existing CVC, facilitate travel of elderly and persons with special needs to session site wherever needed, making the vaccination centre friendly to the elderly and persons with special needs.

COVID lockdown violations:

249 vehicles seized yesterday

Mysuru, May 28 (KS) - Continuing their drive against those moving around in their vehicles during lockdown hours, the Mysuru City Police (Traffic and Civil) have seized a total of 249 vehicles yesterday across the city.

During the checking drive yesterday, the Cops have seized 243 two-wheelers and six cars, after the owners of these vehicles were found moving around unnecessarily.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has urged the public to join hands with the Police in their fight to prevent the spread of the virus by following the lockdown guidelines compulsorily.

Man goes missing

Mysuru, May 28 (KS)- A 57-year-old man, who left his house on May 20 at about 3 pm, saying that he was going to a shop, has since gone missing, according to the complaint lodged by his wife Rathnamma with Mysuru South Police. The missing man is Mahadevu, a resident of Bharath Nagar in the taluk.

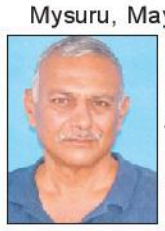
Mahadevu

Those having any information about the missing person, may contact Mysuru South Police Station on Ph: 0821-2444955 or call Ph: 0821-2520040 or 2444800, according to a press release.

Obituary

Kaliyanda Rathna

Mysuru, May 28 - Kaliyanda Rathna (59), a resident of Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, passed away this morning at his residence in city.



He leaves behind his wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

Hazarath Mohammed Iqbal Ulla Shah Vali

Hazarath Mohammed Iqbal Ulla Shah Vali Haleem Aamiri (Aamir-e-Khulfa Silsila-ha-e-Aamiria), a resident of Sawday Road in Mandi Mohalla, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city following brief illness. He was 75.

He leaves behind one daughter, sons Mohammed Ayub Pasha Aamiri and Mohammed Younus Pasha Aamiri, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place this morning.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

CDN: Saluting a teacher extraordinary

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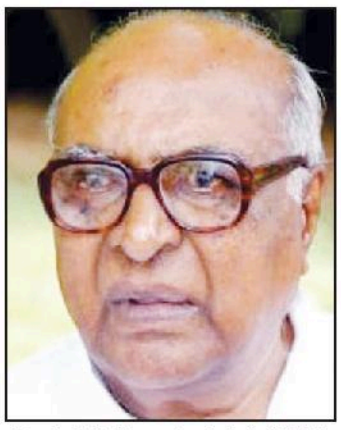

Prof. C.D. Narasimhaiah (CDN)

Last evening, I spent an hour and a half at the Dhvanyaloka auditorium listening to Prof. K.C. Belliappa of Manasagangothri English Department speak about his Guru and mentor Prof. C.D. Narasimhaiah (CDN), who is anointed with *Padma Bushan* and an Honorary Doctorate from the Mysore University for his life-time achievement in the cause of English language and his pioneering role in English Studies in India.

The occasion was specially created to felicitate CDN on his 80th birthday rather in advance by Kumari L.A. Meera Memorial Trust to coincide with its week-long programme of, surprisingly, what is termed as "The discussion meeting on physics of biological systems" which would conclude today. This function was, perhaps, intended to say thanks to the Drona of Dhvanyaloka, CDN, for sparing his premises for a week to conduct the programme of the Trust.

Listening to Prof. Belliappa for exactly one hour and ten minutes, I thought the organisers could not have chosen a better person than him for this most satisfying job for any student. Certainly, it was not a long, rambling, meandering, winding and boring panegyric of a distinguished person bordering on flattery. While CDN for his stature is beyond flattery, his protege has no need to flatter his mentor either. Prof. Belliappa's felicitation speech, at least for those who have known CDN for many years, was like a raconteur and reminder of the life, times and achievements of CDN down the years. Which was why, a lengthy encomium was listened to in rapt attention by a small select audience.

No wonder, CDN is very fond of Prof. Belliappa, his student, whom he taught in the Post-Graduate classes and also for whom he was the guide for his Doctoral thesis.

I was pleasantly surprised when after the function CDN in his typically genial manner came up to me and said that Prof. Belliappa was his "fulfilment" as a teacher. A rare compliment for any student coming from a most distinguished teacher of English language of our times respected both in India and all over the English-speaking world. More so because CDN is known to be a conservative in matters such as complimenting others spontaneously or for sentimental reasons. Well, after all, is he also not known as a critic? Literary critic?

CDN's credentials reminded me of Abraham Lincoln. If Lincoln's march of life was from the legendary log cabin to the White House, our CDN's is from a run-down township called Closepet to Cambridge.

Born in 1921 (forget about his date of birth) to humble parents, who were low on social status but high on domestic discipline and religious learning and practice, CDN went to Cambridge purely on merit and then to Princeton in USA with a Rockefeller scholarship. It is but natural, therefore, name and fame followed him in his chosen field of study. It must have indeed given him lot of inner satisfaction and material comfort.

However, my perception is that CDN must be nursing a regret that he could not become the Vice-Chancellor of Mysore University because of politics, specially during the period of late Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs. Let it be. Who knows, had he become the Vice-Chancellor, our city would have been poorer without an abode of Saraswathi, an Arcadia of the kind that existed in ancient Greece, that CDN established — Dhvanyaloka. I may say that out of CDN's *dukha* was born Dhvanyaloka !

Prof. Belliappa revealed a number of hitherto unknown facets of CDN. He was the youngest Principal of Maharaja's College at its heyday and he had come up with new ideas for the benefit of students like setting up of a Health Kitchen to provide healthy and economically priced meals for students and starting of a Freeship Scheme to help poor bright students.

It seems, Dr. U.R. Ananthamurthy was one among those who applied for freeship under CDN's scheme but failed to get it.

Another brainchild of CDN was setting up of a Cultural Forum called *Mithra Mela* which threw-up theatre talents like Dr. Sindhuvalli Ananthamurthy, Dr. N. Ratna and others.

CDN, who is known for his sophistication in sartorial tastes, being immaculately dressed just as his impeccable speech and writing, social etiquette and manners, couldn't suffer an arid ungainly sight of the huge land area of his college domain. So he sought the help of one NCC Officer and got a beautiful landscape done with the voluntary service of the students.

A true teacher must indeed first teach. Only thereafter he may indulge in other related activities. CDN strongly believed in this principle. Which was why, even though, in those good-old-days it was not necessary for the Principals to take classes, CDN would take regular classes reaffirming his devotion to the teaching profession.

Here I am reminded of what Prof. Belliappa said later in his talk about some of the teachers. He said, there were instances where teachers had taken just one or two classes in a semester. Usually, we have heard of students bunking classes but here we have instances of teachers bunking classes. For them, taking classes is a luxury. And then, the punch line: **If at all there is an unaccountable profession in the world, it is teaching !**

In a talk such as this one, it is inevitable for the speaker to bring in his personal experience with the subject or in relation to the subject of his talk. Prof. Belliappa alluding to such an experience recalled that soon after he got admission to English MA in Manasagangothri, he bemoaned with a friend that being a Science graduate he was to do his Post-Graduation in Chemistry but his fascination for English language made him go for MA English and wondered if he could fare well at all. His friend's forthright and honest advice was: **That is no problem. First read the Bible.**

Very true, very true. When I first joined a diploma course in Journalism at the Bhavan's College of Journalism, Bombay, on the very first day our English teacher, one Mr. Nedunchezhian, gave us the same advice. It was then that I bought my first Bible and I am better off today with English language than what I would have been otherwise. The spiritual benefit I derived from reading the Sermons of Jesus was, of course, a bonus!

NOTE: *The Year 2021 is the Birth Centenary Year of CDN and Dhvanyaloka, The Literary Criterion Centre for English Studies and Indigenous Arts on Bogadi Road in Mysuru, was founded by CDN in 1979.*—**Ed**

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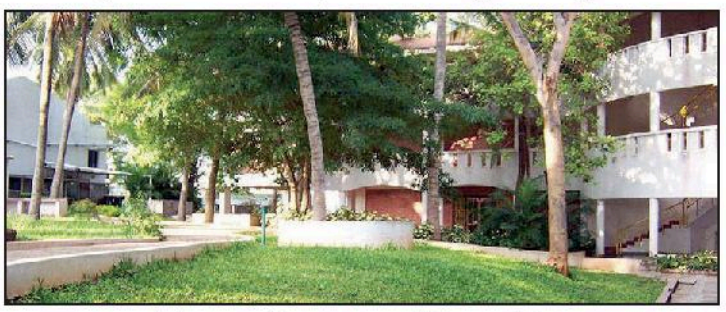
Sally Sage McAlpin Auditorium at Dhvanyaloka.



The sprawling campus of Dhvanyaloka.

DRDO to set up oxygen plant in Mysuru by June 30

(Continued from page 1)

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is preparing the site and implementing the project in coordination with the respective District Administrations. In Mysuru, the earlier plan to set up the oxygen plant was in K.R. Hospital premises but Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has conveyed to the NHAI that it is better to set up the plant in the District Hospital that is now a designated COVID-19 Hospital.

Either K.R. Hospital or District Hospital

NHAI Project Director B.T. Sridhara has written to Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri yesterday to finalise the plant location either in K.R. Hospital or District Hospital premises in coordination with the MP, District Health Officer and the Dean and Director of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute. The letter also mentions that the plant has to be set up and operational by June 26 this year.

Speaking to reporters at his office in city yesterday, Pratap Simha said that the K.R. Hospital already has a 13 Kilo Litre oxygen tank. "The DRDO is setting up oxygen manufacturing plant. We are discussing the suitable place to establish it where it will be more useful to the people. It will be either K.R. Hospital or District Hospital. The plant is expected to come to Mysuru by June 15," he said.

He also said that the Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru, is donating an oxygen plant to Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Memorial Hospital that can produce and supply 160 litres oxygen per minute. This donation will be made next week and the administration has plans to set up oxygen plants in all Taluk headquarters, MP Pratap Simha added.

Ground work

The National Highways Authority of India has been entrusted with the responsibility of keeping the ground work — like identification of site close to hospital wards and availability of power supply — ready for taking up civil and electrical works.

It has to check the oxygen pipeline system in the wards and ensure that the line is extended up to the oxygen plant. The line must be kept ready for receiving supply for testing and commissioning operations. Two technical persons from each hospital will be appointed and they will be made responsible for operation and upkeep of the plant, the NHAI communiqué said.

Kodagu military canteens see unusual queues for supplies

Canteens at Virajpet and Madikeri get a raw deal always, says IAF Veteran Sergeant

Kushalnagar, May 28 (Akshay &BCT)- Long queues were seen at military canteens in Virajpet and Madikeri this morning as ex-servicemen and their family members lined up to buy groceries and their quota of liquor.

Shops selling essential items in Kodagu are allowed to open only three days a week — Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Reports from Madikeri said that ex-servicemen began queuing up in front of the canteens since 3 am today as the canteen authorities had communicated to them that the quota of supplies for the month of May would be distributed this month end only for two days. Ex-servicemen rushed to the canteens today not to miss their quota for May.

The military canteens at Virajpet and Madikeri are the extension canteens of Golden Palm Canteen of Karnataka and Kerala Army Sub Area, Bengaluru.

Journalists heckled

The unusually long queues attracted media attention and two reporters who went to cover the event were allegedly heckled by the Police and security guards. One lady journalist's mobile phone was snatched and thrown onto the road while she was video-graphing the incident. Before heckling the journalists, the Police demanded identity cards from them and the journalists told the Police that they had kept their identity cards at home.

After the chaotic incident, the journalists complained to Superintendent of Police Kshama Mishra that they were pushed around by the Police. The SP has promised action against her staff if they have erred. Even the manager of the Military canteen has assured that action will be taken against those who heckled the journalists.

Reacting on the incident, Kodagu Press Club President B.R. Savitha Rai said that the journalists should have carried their identity cards. "Not carrying identity cards while reporting and arguing with the Police is not a right thing though the incident is unfortunate. In this time of crisis, the Police have every right to question anyone. In a democracy, even journalists have the right to cover any event, provided they carry their identity cards," she said.

Step-motherly treatment

Meanwhile, Hon. Legal Advisor of T. Shettigeri Ex-Servicemen Association and Veteran Sergeant of Indian Air Force Mandetira N. Subramani has stated that the officer-in-charge of Golden Palm Canteen, Bengaluru, could have taken some interest to send the consignment of groceries and liquor to its extension counters in Madikeri and Virajpet on priority in the beginning of every month instead of sending the consignments at the fag end of every month.

"This mad rush and the ugly scene at Madikeri would have been avoided," he stated in a letter to the senior manager of Golden Palm Canteen. "Despite Kodagu being a cradle of general officers and gallant senior army officers and soldiers, the canteens at Madikeri and Virajpet are being given a raw deal with step-motherly treatment by sending the monthly consignments of grocery and liquor always in the middle or end of the month," he added.

Subramani has appealed to the senior manager to streamline things and send the consignments at the beginning of every month so that people can have enough time to purchase and the month-end rush is avoided especially during pandemic times.

Deworming begins for diabetic patients

NOT A BITTER PILL: ***Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri launched the De-worming Day event by giving a de-worming tablet to a diabetic patient at Chamundipuram Primary Health Centre this morning.***

Mysuru, May 28 (MTY&DM)- With Mucormycosis (Black Fungus) cases rising in the district, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri said that de-worming tablets will help in mitigating Black Fungus among patients with co-morbidities, especially diabetic patients.

She was speaking at the De-worming Day programme organised at Chamundipuram Primary Health Centre (Akkammanni Hospital) here this morning.

Expressing concern that the district as on Thursday has reported 45 cases of Black Fungus, with more than 20 of them in the last three days alone, Rohini said that de-worming tablets (Albendazole) will help expel worms from the stomach and prevent any sort of infection.

Noting that infections due to hookworms and other parasites in stomach lead to loss of blood and other ailments, she said that diabetes patients are more vulnerable to Black Fungus.

Pointing out that there are over 75,000 diabetic patients in the district, with 40,000 of them in Mysuru city alone, she said that all diabetic patients above 18 years of age will be given de-worming tablets for free, with ASHA and other health workers put in charge of distribution.

Continuing, the DC said that there are 4,000 patients with co-morbidities in city and 2,000 in rural parts of the district. A survey will be carried out to find out how many of them have tested positive for COVID and the kind of treatment they are undergoing, she said.

Stating that the District Administration is planning to inject co-morbidities patients with Vitamin injections, she said that excessive use of steroids and antibiotics will bring down immunity in patients.

Admitting that the district was short of medicines for Black Fungus, she said that medicine stocks are likely to arrive in city in the next few days.

District Diabetes Control Officer Dr. L. Ravi, COVID Bed Management Nodal Officer Dr. P. Ravi and others were present.

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu

WhatsApp files lawsuit in Delhi HC

GTD asks officers to bring down Corona cases

- Hands over three oxygen-fitted ambulances to Taluk Administration
- Distributes Corona medical kits to ASHA and Anganwadi workers

Mysuru, May 28 (SSV)- Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has asked officers to take preventive steps and provide good treatment to Corona positive patients to bring down the positive cases and deaths in the Constituency.

Visiting Yelwal Primary Health Centre's (PHC) COVID Mitra here yesterday, he opined that villagers play a vital role in containing the pandemic in rural areas. The village elders must convene a meeting and create awareness among the people about strictly following the safety protocol. The Executive Officers of Taluk Panchayat and Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs) must take necessary steps in this regard.

When villagers complained about crowding of people during distribution of cereals and pulses at Fair Price Shops, the MLA ordered issuing notice to Chief Executive Officer of PLF Bank and to the shop asking them to strictly maintain social distance. Deputy Superintendent of Police (Dy.SP) must deploy the staff at all the shops to maintain social distance, GTD said.

The MLA handed over three oxygen-fitted ambulances to Taluk Administration for the benefit of Corona positive patients. **Those who wish to avail the free service may call Ph: 0821-2414812 anytime.**

Later, GTD visited a 200-bed COVID Care Centre established at Horticulture College Hostel at Yelachanahalli village, for the residents of Yelwal. The positive patients of this part will be housed in this centre which has all facilities. The patients must be given good treatment, medicine and food on time. At any point of time, they should not be neglected, he warned.

Then, the MLA visited Sagarakatte PHC and distributed Corona medical kit to ASHA and Anganwadi workers. He asked them to take utmost care of positive patients and advise them to take hot water steam by putting Tulasi, Turmeric, Garlic, Ginger and Neem leaves for early recovery. Besides, the importance of wearing mask and social distancing must be explained to them, he said.

Patients must be taught about the use of digital thermometer and pulse oximeter. ASHA workers were given training on the use of medical kits by doctors.

MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harish Gowda, Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith, Dy.SP P. Sumith, Executive Officer Ramesh, Taluk Health Officer Dr. Mahadevaprasad and Sub-Inspector Nikitha were present.

MLA Ramdas writes to DC on flaws in COVID War Room

Mysuru, May 28 (MK&SSV)- After visiting COVID War Room at the new District Offices Complex in Siddarthanagar and interacting with the staff, Krishnaraja MLA S.A.Ramdas has written a letter to Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri to address problems identified by him.

The MLA had visited the War Room recently and has written to the DC about his observation and things to be done to improve its functioning.

He said that the technical problem in Bhoomi software has been addressed but, details pertaining to location of COVID positive patients admitted to various Private Hospitals were not coming to the War Room. Once the beds are blocked in Private Hospitals through the War Room, the names of Hospitals are sent to patients for admission and to ambulance services for shifting the patients.

Information regarding reservation of 50 percent of beds for the Government sponsored patients, was not available. Since patients from other places were also getting treatment here, it has become difficult in finding out location of such patients. In the absence of this, Surveillance Officers of other districts were coordinating with the local District Health Officer in finding out the whereabouts of patients.

Ramdas has stated that information about the allotment of beds to patients with complaints of breathlessness owing to lung infection was not available. Such patients have tested negative in RT-PCR testing but the CT scan has revealed lung infection. These cases are given as MYS cases. The DC must direct Private Hospitals to make it clear that they were offering free treatment for Government referred patients in their facilities, he added.

Villagers of Kergalli have a reason to smile

Mysuru, May 28 (SPN&SSV)- Residents of Kergalli village in Beerihundi Gram Panchayat limits have a reason to smile. Thanks to strict following of suggestions of doctors and health staff, this village is inching towards becoming 'Corona-free village.'

A few Corona positive cases were reported in the month of April and it reduced to only three cases in May. All of them have recovered as per consultation of doctors and health staff and taking medicine. Three days ago, a person was discharged from hospital after full recovery, said Mahadev, a resident.

According to him, a Doctor and a Nurse work in sub-centre of the Health and Family Welfare Department. Doctor will be available at the centre three days in a week and examine patients. Nurse distributes medicines for patients with fever, cough and cold. This has helped in their early recovery, he added.

The villagers are afraid to go out of houses following TV channels beaming news of positive cases and deaths across the State. This has made them to strictly follow the COVID protocol.

According to District Administration details, as many as 27 wards of the total 247 wards have zero COVID cases. However, this is excluding the wards in Mysuru City Corporation.

D.B. Kuppe is the only Gram Panchayat that does not have a single COVID case. This GP has a population of 7,000. A total of 343 villages out of 1,560 do not have a single COVID case and around 160 villages have cases above 20.

ZP CEO Yogesh visits GPs; interacts with COVID infected

Mysuru, May 28 (SSV)- Close on the heels of steady rise in Corona positive cases and deaths in the district, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) A.M. Yogesh visited Nagawala, Dhanagalli and Doddamaragoudanahalli Gram Panchayats to take stock of the situation yesterday.

At Nagawala GP, he also paid visit to the houses of positive patients and interacted with them. The ASHA workers were asked to complete house-to-house survey in rural areas at the earliest.

The CEO also saw ongoing restoration of Kalyani and individual works under MGNREGA scheme.

At Doddamaranagoudanahalli GP, Yogesh met Corona patients, spoke to Task Force members,

and inspected works taken up under NREGA. He also took information on ongoing underground water recharge works. He told the Panchayat Officers that it was the duty of ASHA and Anganwadi workers to take care of home isolated patients.

In Dhanagalli GP, the CEO inspected MGNREGA scheme as well as took details related to COVID situation.

Start Helplines

The CEO ordered to start Helplines in Gram Panchayat limits to help Corona positive patients to seek medical advice on time. The Helpline centre must extend all possible help to those infected with the virus, the ZP CEO added.

COVID pours cold water on KRS Dam Sluice Gate works

By S.T. Ravikumar

The ambitious project to replace the 143 sluice gates (crest gates) of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam has been delayed inordinately and COVID has only worsened the situation. There are a total of 173 sluice gates of various dimensions and at various levels.

The reservoir, constructed across River Cauvery, was conceived and executed by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Sir M. Visvesvaraya in November 1911 and completed in 1931-32.The Dam is 2.62 kilometres long.

The gate replacement project first made news in April 2019 and the first-time-ever major scale works was taken up under the funds released by the World Bank that had sanctioned Rs. 68 crore. The project has been awarded to Gujarat-based Hardware Groups Company that emerged as the successful bidder.

Works began in right earnest in 2019-2020 and within months, the work was hit when the first Coronavirus wave invaded India and a lockdown was announced. Just when things seemed looking up with the fabrication work beginning at the Dam premises in full swing, the second wave hit the city, further impeding the work. Only 10 percent of the works have been completed so far.

The KRS Dam had 173 crest gates when it was built in 1932. But over the passage of time, there were water leaks, damage and corrosion in the Dam, despite regular maintenance of crest gates, following which the Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) had replaced 22 crest gates at a cost of Rs.18.8 crore in 2003.

Funds released under DRIP

The second phase of works is to replace 143 gates. The funds were released by the World Bank under the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) based on the request by the Central Water Commission (CWC) that has submitted the Detailed Project Report and the design.

The World Bank has released Rs. 500 crore where works at various dams would be taken up in phases. The first phase will cover KRS Dam (Mandya), Alamatti Reservoir (Bagalkot) and Bhadra Dam (Bhadravathi) and the second phase will cover Harangi Dam (Kodagu), Suvarnavathi Reservoir (Chamarajanagar) and Kabini Dam (Mysuru).

The World Bank has given a deadline of two years to complete the project. The CNNL has to pay back the borrowed money to the World Bank in instalments in a span of 25 years. The old crest gates will be disposed of by auction.

Welding gas unavailability

Though some amount of fabrication work has been completed, the project engineers are unable to take the project forward, CNNL Chief Engineer Shankaregowda told *Star of Mysore*. CNNL governs KRS Dam and other dams in Cauvery Basin. Yesterday, Shankaregowda and team inspected the work site and also took stock of the present state of the sluice gates.

Over 40 skilled workers from Bihar, West Bengal and Gujarat are doing the fabrication work and they have been provided on-site accommodation near the South Gate. Some of their colleagues have returned to their native places. "The gates are made of cast iron. Iron welding is crucial for fabrication works and this is not possible at this juncture as all the welding gas cylinders have been taken away to be filled with Liquid Medical Oxygen to mitigate the oxygen shortage for COVID patients," Shankaregowda said.

Material shortage

Apart from non-availability of welding gas, there is a shortage of other materials due to lockdown as nobody is willing to take the risk, he added.

The 173 sluice gates have been divided into three categories such as river sluices, which are the lowest level gates used to release water into the river in critical situations; irrigation sluices, three gates each in north and south directions, which are above river sluices and storing sluices or silt gates, which are not being used now.

The sluice gates are regularly maintained and as part of the maintenance work, gate experts along with the operators remove rust accumulation, apply grease, give a fresh coat of paint, undertake welding, oiling, movement verification, etc. The works also include greasing of the trolleys and the chains that bind the gates.

PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. *Pre-cast component of a sluice gate being brought to KRS Dam premises. The gates are made of cast iron.*
2. *Officials inspect the corroded places of the Dam that need repairs.*
3. *Technical experts and engineers examine the interiors of the Dam.*
4. *Each sluice gate consists of a sill, lintel, side grooves and plates, balance weight, float, chains and pulleys. The nature of work to be undertaken is being listed out by experts.*

WORD OF THE DAY

Pecuniary

Pronunciation: pi-kyoo-nee-er-ee.
Meaning: Of or relating to money.
Origin: Pecuniary, "relating to money," comes from the Latin adjective pecūniārius, a derivative of pecūnia "property, possessions, wealth, money," itself a derivative of pecū "flock, herd, farm animals," livestock being a very important source of wealth in early farming societies. Pecū and its related nouns are derivatives of the Proto-Indo-European noun peku– "sheep," from the root pek-, pok- "to pluck, fleece, card (wool, flax)." Peku- is the source of Umbrian pequo "cattle" (Umbrian was an Italic language spoken in Umbria, north of Rome), Greek pókos and pékos "sheep's wool, fleece," and Lithuanian pekus "cattle." By regular phonetic change peku- becomes fehu– in Proto-Germanic, becoming Gothic faihu "possessions, property," German Vieh "cattle, beast, brute," Old English feoh, fioh, feh "cattle, property (in cattle)," Middle English fe, feo, feh "livestock, herd of livestock, movable property, wealth, money." Modern English fee "charge, payment, sum paid, " but also "landed estate, inherited estate," comes partly from the Middle English and Old English nouns, but fee in the sense "inherited estate, feudal estate" also comes from Old French fieu, fief "estate in land" and Anglo-French fe, fee, fie, from Germanic fehu. Pecuniary entered English in the early 16th century.

THE ODD WORD

Aborning

During birth; while being born.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

In the groove

Meaning: The phrase 'In the Groove' is used to describe doing something easily and well.
Origin: The first record players were marvellous inventions, but took some work to operate correctly. Instruction manuals accompanying these machines informed operators of the importance of keeping the stylus firmly in the record's groove to ensure sound quality. The idiom 'in the groove' coincides with the arrival of jazz in the 1920s, when people talked about performers and dancers being "in the groove" when they did well.
Example: "I haven't played in a month, but with a bit more practice I'll be right back in the groove."

QUOTE BOX

Quality is not an act, it is a habit. **—Aristotle**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

E F O
Q A E
S M C

Answer: E = MC Squared.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Biblical land - "a mob" dispersed?
5 Boil slowly
9 Pulse Repetition Frequency
12 One-named Irish singer
13 Cuban cash
14 Role playing game in short
15 Major canal
16 Interjects
18 Attack or assail
20 Goods vehicle
21 Above ground level
22 Church officer
25 Aromatic resin
28 Sparse fluid
29 Feeling of self-importance; conceit
30 "Sore" anagram for a lot of eggs?
31 ____ better : would find it wiser to?
32 Employed
33 Unit of energy
34 Wooden nail or pin
35 Church sections
36 Twos in playing cards
38 Drop bait lightly
39 Fall behind
40 Paralyse with fear; turn or be turned to stone
44 Balderdash
47 Between two ports
48 Decide
49 Bread spread
50 Separate article
51 Natl. Stock Exchg.
52 Call to attract attention
53 Snack from the South

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

T	H	A	W	■	D	I	I	■	A	L	M	S
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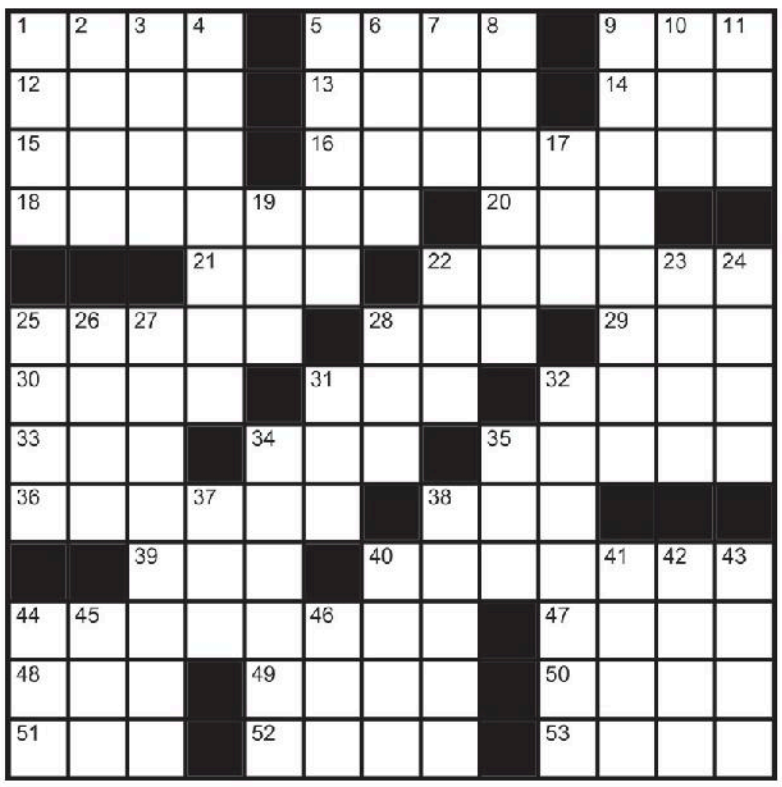
DOWN

1 A table-land
2 Burden; responsibility; obligation
3 Yes votes
4 Market places or fairs
5 Magical incantation
6 SMS
7 PC panic button
8 Canine creatures
9 G & S's Ida
10 Rotational speed, in short
11 Flight Guidance Sys.
17 Alcoholic Anonymous Association, should we say?
19 Expression of disgust
22 Parent
23 S-shaped curve
24 Inclines head
25 TV's talking horse
26 Time past
27 Control; administer
28 Wisecrack
31 He is, contracted?
32 Scold
34 A type of spinning toy - "get pop" anagram (3,3)
35 An islet, poetically speaking?
37 Headgear
38 Storehouse for buses, perhaps?
40 Indian tennis ace
41 Analogy words (2,2)
42 They are paid to professionals?
43 Hindu God of death
44 Scam
45 Long playing records, in short
46 "Treasure Island" monogram



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

3	8	1	6	4	9	7	2	5
6	2	9	5	7	1	4	8	3
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7	9	2	8	3	6	1	5	4
5	8	3	1	9	4	2	7	8
1	4	8	7	5	2	9	3	6
9	3	6	2	1	5	8	4	7
2	7	4	9	8	3	5	6	1
8	1	5	4	6	7	3	9	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ZAMPM RG YNZARYE VRCM L YMOKNPY KLKU ZN

PMYMO UNIP GHRPRZ - LYQ ZN KIZZPMGG UNIP

PMGNVSM ZN FLCM ZAM ONPVQ L KMZZMP HVLDM.

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Words, once they are printed, have a life of their own.

Companies, clubs, associations continue to donate for a cause

Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Central providing face shields to Cops, groceries to few family members and breakfast to Pourakarmikas as part of their project to serve the needy.

Settymec Engineers (P) Ltd. Managing Director Smriti Manoj donated two Oxygen Concentrators to MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag yesterday.

KEA Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda giving away medical kits to Advocates.

Mysuru, May 28 (KS)- Corporate companies, clubs and associations, which have been donating various necessary items including medical equipment, to help the District Administration and the civic body in their fight to keep COVID-19 at bay, have continued with their donation and service to the needy.

Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Central has completed the following projects taken up to serve the needy during the pandemic crisis: Three families have been provided with groceries for a month; 55 Pourakarmikas were provided breakfast everyday for 14 days of lockdown; 100 face shields distributed to Police personnel at check-posts; 200 bottles of cough syrup given to District Hospital for COVD patients; Dr. Rachana Nagesh conducted online meditation programmes via Zoom app for various groups everyday for 14 days impacting 200 lives. All the projects were taken up under the leadership of Sandhya Dinesh, Club President (2021-22).

Kaynes Technology India Pvt. Ltd. and Bacardi India Pvt. Ltd. handing over the medical equipment to MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag yesterday.

Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust Chairperson Shubha Urs and team handed over 15 bed-side tables to MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev as part of the donation to Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital yesterday.

Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) distributed medical kits for COVID infected Advocates who are under home isolation recently. KEA Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda said that despite the lockdown, the Courts are functioning with certain restrictions while also maintaining SOPs, in a bid to render justice to the people.

Noting that the legal fraternity is responsive to justice seekers, he said that the KEA is voluntarily donating the medical kits taking into account the service of Advocates. He further said that each kit will have a unitary set of medicines and face masks.

Bacardi India Pvt. Ltd. has donated five Oxygen Concentrators worth Rs. 4.5 lakh which was handed over by Senior Executive (Plant Operation) Satish.

Kaynes Technology India Pvt. Ltd. donated 100 Oxygen Regulators with pipes worth Rs. 3 lakh. The equipment was handed over by Kaynes Technology CEO Jayaram P. Sampath and Marketing Manager N. Jayaram.

Settymec Engineers (P) Ltd. has donated two Oxygen Concentrators worth Rs. 1.80 lakh which was handed over by Managing Director Smriti Manoj.

Lunars Export Pvt. Ltd. donated 4,000 medical kits worth Rs. 10 lakh and the same was given away by company's Managing Director Bastian Joseph. All the items were received by MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag and Additional Commissioner N.M. Shashikumar yesterday.

Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust has donated 15 bed-side table with cupboard worth about Rs. 50,000 to Tulsidas Hospital yesterday. It was received by MUDA Chairman and Bed Management Task Force head H.V. Rajeev. Trust Chairperson Shubha Sanjay Urs, members Padma, Meenakshi and Varsha were present. The Trust has also donated refrigerators and wall clocks to District Hospital and has distributed breakfast to Pourakarmikas.

Rotary West Mysore has donated N-95 face masks, face shields and sanitisers to journalists. The kits were donated to Mysuru District Journalists Association on Thyagaraja Road on Wednesday. Rotary West President Dr. Raghavendra Prasad said that the Club thought it fit to distribute safety kits to journalists who work round-the-clock and are always exposed to health risks while on field work.

MDJA President S. T. Ravikumar, General Secretary M. Subramanya, Vice-President M.S. Basavanna, City Secretary P. Rangaswamy, Rotary Club Secretary D.K. Dinesh Kumar, member Srikanth Kanave and others were present.

Office-bearers of Rotary West Mysore handing over safety kits to MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar on Wednesday.

No takers for meat on Mondays, Thursdays

Meat-sellers oppose two-day a week window during stringent lockdown in Mysuru from May 29 to June 7

Mysuru, May 28 (MK&DM)- Even as the District Administration yesterday announced a two-day a week (Monday and Thursday) window for opening of provision stores and other essential commodities and services shops, the meat-sellers of the city and district have severely opposed allowing the permitted shops to open only on Mondays and Thursdays from May 29 till June 7. Mysuru Broiler Traders Co-ordination Committee President Manju of 'Ruchi Chickens' said that the District Administration's decision was irrational as most people do not consume non-vegetarian food on Mondays and Thursdays.

He asserted that meat-sellers, who are already suffering from loss of business and income due to lockdown, will be all the more affected with the order to shut down on five other days when meat sales will be high compared to Mondays and Thursdays.

He urged the District Administration to reconsider its decision and allow opening of meat shops on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays, instead of Mondays & Thursdays, when there will be hardly any business.

Mysuru Mutton Merchants Association President Syed Ahmed said that mutton sellers are already in distress due to loss of business. Noting that mutton- sellers used to do some business during the lockdown despite time restrictions, he said that opening the meat stalls only on Mondays and Thursdays will be useless as most people do not eat non-veg on these two days. He urged the authorities to reconsider their decision.

Fish Sellers Federation Secretary Chandrababu too said that most people do not eat meat and fish on Mondays and Thursdays. When such is the case, the District Administration's decision is a blow to non-vegetarians. The fish sellers will face huge losses if the shopping days are not changed, he added.

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